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CARD CATALOG COMPUTER PROJECT

The National Science Foundation has awarded a grant to the medical libraries at Yale, Harvard, and Columbia Universities to develop a computer system to provide for a variety of interesting functions and outputs oriented around the library card catalog. The procedures now being developed will make it possible, among other things, to print library cards from machinable information on punched cards which subsequently can be stored in the computer. The combined holdings of these three libraries will thus be searched in each library in a matter of seconds. The project will be followed with great interest in the medical library world.

BOARD OF REGENTS

Dr. William N. Hubbard, Jr., of Michigan was nominated by the President on September 30 to be a member of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine and confirmed by the Senate on November 1. The nominations of Drs. Dixon and Fussler were confirmed on October 2, 1963.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. H. BENTLEY GLASS

Dr. H. Bentley Glass, Professor of Biology at Johns Hopkins University, has been named to the Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Scientific Publications.

Dr. Glass received the Ph.D. degree in genetics from the University of Texas in 1932. He has served as an editor of the Quarterly Review of Biology, as an Advisory Editor for Biology for Houghton Mifflin Company, and was co-editor of Forerunners of Darwin; he is the author of Genes and Man and Science and Liberal Education, and has published more than 175 scientific, professional, and general articles.

The Advisory Committee on Scientific Publications is administered by the National Library of Medicine and serves as a PHS Study Section in the review of applications for grants and contract proposals in the support of scientific publications; it also advises the Office of the Surgeon General on policies for scientific publication support.

ACSP MEETING

The third meeting of the Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Scientific Publications (ACSP) was held in the Library's Board Room October 10-11, 1963.

The Committee took action on four grant applications and three contract proposals in the area of scientific publication support.

The Committee also heard talks by Dr. Dorwin Cartwright of the University of Michigan on an extensive study being carried out on journal use by the American Psychological Association, and by Mr. G. Miles Conrad, Director of Biological Abstracts, on the field of abstracting. As a result of Mr. Conrad's talk the ACSP instructed the Extramural Publications Program staff to carry out a survey of abstracting supported by the Public Health Service. The National Cancer Institute loaned Dr. John H. Schneider, a PHS Grants Associate, to the Library to conduct this survey.

During the meeting the membership considered the need for critical reviews in relation to the Library's potential support in this area, and appointed a subcommittee to formulate plans by the time of the next ACSP meeting. Members of the subcommittee are Dr. H. Bentley Glass of Johns Hopkins; Dr. John L. Caughey, Jr., of Western Reserve; Miss Louise Darling of UCLA; Dr. Bernard Holland of Emory; Miss Eleanor Johnson of the University of Chicago.

NLM ALUMNI

The departures of Dr. Frank B. Rogers in August and Mr. James W. Barry in September are reminders of how far afield some former staff members of the National Library of Medicine have gone. In the last dozen years or so the following "alumni" have taken positions as chief librarians at the libraries indicated.

David A. Kronick, Cleveland Medical Library Association
Marie Harvin, University of Arkansas Medical Center
Judith Williston Walling, Ohio State Univ. Health Center
Miriam D. Hawkins, University of Buffalo Health Sciences
James W. Barry, Rutgers University Medical Library
Charles C. Colby, III, Boston Medical Library
Mildred Crowe Langner, Univ. of Miami School of Medicine
Frank B. Rogers, University of Colorado Medical Center
Kanardy L. Taylor, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Estelle Brodman, Washington University School of Medicine
Frederick D. Bryant, University of Florida Health Center

Jane M. Fulcher, Washington (D.C.) Hospital Center
Ruth M. Haggerty, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Mary Alice Jackson, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research
Eleanor Johnson, University of Chicago Bio-Medical Library
Frances M. Seaver, U. S. Army Surgeon General's Reference Library
Robert W. Severance, Air University Library, Maxwell Air Force Base
Harold W. Tucker, Queens Borough Public Library
John M. Weaver, Goddard Space Flight Center, NASA
Helen Feltovic, Jacksonville (Fla.) Hospitals Educational Program
Denise Oudot, World Health Organization, Copenhagen, Denmark

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The Proceedings of the Second International Congress on Medical Librarianship will be published as the January 1964 issue of the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association (V. 52, No. 1). Members of the Association will receive issues as usual, and members of the Congress will be provided with individual copies. Sale copies may be purchased through the Central Office of the MLA, 919 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

WILLIAM JEROME WILSON, 1884-1963

William Jerome Wilson, Ph.D., who served as Chief of the NLM's History of Medicine Division for seven years, died on October 14, 1963. Dr. Wilson came to the Cleveland post in 1954 after twelve years at the Library of Congress, where he directed the compilation of the Catalog of the Latin Vernacular and Alchemical Manuscripts in the United States and Canada and supervised the Annotated Bibliography of American History. He was joint editor with Seymour de Ricci of the Census of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the United States and Canada.

ST.JOHN TO RETIRE

Mr. Francis R. St. John, who assisted Colonel Harold W. Jones in reorganizing the Army Medical Library in 1943-1945, has announced his retirement from his present post as Chief Librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library at the end of the year. Mr. St. John's contributions to AML's reorganization and the implementation of the 1944 Survey were major; he also served the Library in a consultant capacity and as a member of the Association of Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library.

LIBRARY COLLOQUIUM

Dr. Derek J. DeSolla Price, Professor of the History of Science at Yale, discussed his work in analyzing the communication patterns of members of "Invisible Colleges" at a colloquium on October 31 at the National Library of Medicine.

STATISTICS PROJECT

The American Library Association is administering a statistics coordinating project to establish a national system of standardized library data collection. Grants have been made by the Council on Library Resources, Inc., and the National Science Foundation to coordinate the statistics of academic, public, school, and special libraries on the national, regional, state, and local levels. This project is housed at the National Library of Medicine and is headed by Mr. Joel Williams, who has been given a year's leave of absence from the U. S. Office of Education to carry out this project.

PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

Basic Reference Aids for Small Medical Libraries by Elizabeth Moseley and Miriam Hawkins, originally published in 1962, has been reprinted. Copies may be requested from the Exchange Assistant, Technical Services Division, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

FORTHCOMING NLM PUBLICATIONS

National Library of Medicine Classification (3d Edition) - in press

Medical Subject Headings, 3d Edition, Supplement - - January 1964

Bibliography of Medical Translations, July-September 1962 - - January 1964

Bibliography of Medical Reviews, Volume 9 - March 1964

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